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August 23, 2014

Chairman Tom Wheeler  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel  
Commissioner Ajit Pai  
Commissioner Michael O'Rielly  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: MB Docket No. 14-57**

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

As an introduction, I am Evelyn Smalls, President and Chief Executive Officer of United Bank of Philadelphia, the City's only African-American owned and controlled commercial bank. It is with great pleasure that I write in support of Comcast's application to acquire Time Warner Cable.

It is my understanding that the fundamental question before you is whether the proposal will benefit the public interest. Now, that is a subject I know well. The United Bank of Philadelphia is a community bank with a primary focus on underserved populations, and the only bank in our city certified by the U. S. Department of Treasury as a Community Development Financial Institution based on its track record of providing affordable products and services to the underserved. I know Comcast as an ethical, responsible corporate citizen of Philadelphia and great partner to our local businesses, especially our poor and underserved communities.

Comcast has led the way ensuring that economic opportunity flows to all. United Bank, for example, has just closed its 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive one-year revolving credit arrangement with the company, a vital flow of business that we have been able to further syndicate out to 11 additional minority-owned banks around the country – enhancing their bottom lines and ensuring that community-based financial institutions thrive and anchor their communities. Comcast obviously has many choices for its commercial credit, and its decision to seek out local partners in this way speaks volumes about its commitment to sustainable relationships within local communities.

The company has also always gone above and beyond to ensure diversity in its hiring, contracting and business practices, as well as its programming and channel lineups. People of color account for 40% of the Comcast/NBCU workforce, including two African-American members of its Board. Comcast has spent over \$4 billion with diverse contractors and suppliers in the last four years. Comcast has recently launched two African-American owned networks, Sean Combs' Revolt TV to Magic Johnson's ASPIRE, and carries best-in-the-business lineup of networks serving African-American audiences and communities, including The Africa Channel, UP TV, Centric, BET, and TV One. It's no surprise the company was awarded the inaugural Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce Diversity and Inclusion Award earlier this year.

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Comcast's actions reflect a "money where your mouth is" commitment to Comcast's home community that reveals the company's true colors – honest, responsible, and committed to doing the right thing. In my opinion that profound civic spirit will ensure the proposed transaction with Time Warner Cable is carried out in an ethical, responsible manner that will benefit the public and the new communities in which Comcast will operate.

In closing, I support Comcast's application to acquire Time Warner Cable and I thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Evelyn F. Smalls".

Evelyn F. Smalls